

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation that the previous rejections of claims 15, 19, 20 and 22-24 have been withdrawn.

The only issue outstanding in this Office Action is the continued rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Hodgson et al., PCT application WO 98/38326, and under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,312,911, issued to Bancroft et al. Applicants submit that these rejections have been obviated by the cancellation above of claim 21.

As the examiner has indicated that claims 15, 19, 20 and 22-24, the only claims now pending, are allowable, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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